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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the Liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

J.D. O'NEILL PARTNERSHIP, LTD. and JOHN D. O'NEILL,

Defendants.

No. 08-01789 (SMB)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 10-04939 (SMB)

## **NOTICE OF MEDIATION REFERRAL**

On November 10, 2010, this Court entered the Order (1) Establishing Litigation Case Management Procedures for Avoidance Actions and (2) Amending the February 16, 2010, Protective Order (the "Order")<sup>1</sup> [Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (SMB), Dkt. No. 3141]. Pursuant to the Notice of Applicability filed by Plaintiff Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS") under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.* ("SIPA"), and the substantively consolidated estate of Bernard L. Madoff individually ("Madoff"), in this Adversary Proceeding on December 2, 2010, [Dkt. No. 2], the Order and the avoidance procedures contained therein (the "Avoidance Procedures") are applicable to the instant matter.

On August 18, 2014, Defendants J.D. O'Neill Partnership, Ltd. and John D. O'Neill filed a motion to dismiss this adversary proceeding [Dkt. Nos. 19-22] pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7012 (a "Rule 12(b)(6) Motion").

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, upon the filing of a Rule 12(b)(6) Motion, the issues raised in such motion, together with the issues raised in the Complaint, are immediately referred to mediation. Avoidance Procedures, ¶ 2D.

Pursuant to the Avoidance Procedures, within 14 calendar days after the filing of this Notice of Mediation Referral, the Trustee and Defendants (the "Parties") shall choose a mediator in accordance with the Mediation Order. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, the Court shall appoint one in accordance with the Mediation Order. Avoidance Procedures, ¶ 5C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All terms not defined herein shall be given the meaning ascribed to them in the Order.

Dated: New York, New York November 4, 2014

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